

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION
OF PLACER COUNTY**

Meeting Minutes, June 12, 2003
Shiloh Center, Auburn, CA.

AMENDED MINUTES

Attendees (Commissioners & Staff):

Jill Harper, Chair, Commissioner & PCOE Administrator of Child Development Programs
Raymond Merz, Commissioner & Director of Placer County Health & Human Services
Dr. Sandra Naylor-Goodwin, Commissioner & Director for the California Institute for Mental Health
Tamara Lieberman, Vice Chair, Commissioner & Tahoe Community Foundation
Mindy Danovaro, Commissioner, Director of Development and Outreach, CALSTAR
Sabrina Thompson, County Counsel
Don Ferretti, CFC Coordinator & HHS Principal Management Analyst
David Gray, Evaluation Consultant
Nancy Baggett, CFC Staff Systems Analyst, HHS Administration
Bobbie Reagan, CFC Administrative Staff, HHS Administration

Commissioners & Staff Not in Attendance:

Harriet White, Commissioner & Board of Supervisors – District 3
Dr. Richard Burton, Commissioner & Placer County Health Officer

Public Attendees:

Veronica Vasquez, UCCE-Nutrition Best
Getta Dolinsek, WPUSD-PCN
Susan Fernandes, PCOE-Program Manager, Tahoe
Kim Bradley, Community Collaborative of Tahoe Truckee
Jackie Clark, ARC Placer Infant
Melissa Sipolt, ARC PIDP/RST
Janice Baquera, Relationship Support Project
Julia Richardson, Relationship Support Project
Shani Richardson, Relationship Support Project
Michelle Winkel, RST
Leslie Warren, Placer Nature Center

Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order by Jill Harper, Chair at 4:35 p.m.

I. Public Comment

Persons may address the Commission on items not on this agenda. Please note that although the Commission is very interested in your concerns, the California Brown Act prohibits the Commission from taking any action at this meeting on items not published on this agenda.

No Public Comments.

II. Approval of Minutes from Meeting held May 8, 2003

Correction to page 4, III. Commission Action Items, Item No. 3, last paragraph, last sentence, "... there is still one outstanding Partner scheduled...". Amended by removing the word *outstanding*. "... there is still one Partner scheduled ...". Minutes approved as corrected.

III. Commission Action Items

Tamara read the CRC report being presented before the Commission, and Sandra provided a synopsis of the CRC recommendations.

1. Placer Nature Center Application for \$5,000

Placer Nature Center is located in Christian Valley. It is an outdoor classroom for children and families where they "find their place in the natural world and discover and know their 'ecological address' as well as they know their street address or their town."

The Placer Nature Center will provide an age appropriate and child friendly environmental learning program to preschools, Head Start program sites, social service program centers and 0-5 children/families in general. The overall outcome is that families and children will feel connected to their environment and will understand that all of their actions and behaviors have an impact on the earth. Children will have more knowledge about the world they can see, feel and touch. Children and families will have greater awareness about the natural relationship between a high quality life and the connection to our natural environment.

The CRC recommends funding for this project in the amount of \$5,000.

Leslie Warren, from Placer Nature Center, provided an overview of "what is Placer Nature Center" and directed all to visit their web site at www.placernaturecenter.org

for the latest events. She also included handouts for all Commissioners and attendees. No discussion followed on the action item.

MOTION TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR THE PLACER NATURE CENTER APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.

Lieberman / Merz / Unanimous

2. Early Childhood Relationship Support Project

This project originally requested two-year funding that ends on June 30, 2003. A goal at the inception of the project was to build a sustainable infant mental health multi-agency service delivery model. The outcome data for this project shows that they are achieving – or, at least the way to achieving results for children, but the sustainability goal of having participating organizations fully absorb the costs of the program has not happened. Consequently, the project Steering Committee requested an additional year of funding.

The current CFC policy is not to extend any CFC Partner funding beyond the original amounts awarded or open up any large application processes until the community has had a chance to evaluate what has been accomplished thus far under our strategic plan, and develop funding strategies that extend beyond June 30, 2004. Nonetheless, the CRC considered this request because of the “systems change” implications of successfully achieving the results envisioned by this project and offers the following recommendation:

The CRC recommends that the Commission enter into a 6-month contract to fund this project (actual amount to be determined by the subcommittee referenced below up to an amount not to exceed \$111,230) with the contingency that by the 5 month point, the project will present the CRC with a realistic sustainability plan. Based on this plan the CRC will make a recommendation to the Commission regarding funding for an additional 6 month time period.

A subcommittee of the CRC (Sandra Naylor-Goodwin, Tamara Lieberman, and Maureen Burness) will work with the Early Childhood Relationship Support Team and its Steering Committee to develop the contract budget and discuss other funding strategies.

Short discussion followed presentation of this item with Tamara mentioning that she would like all partners to receive a copy of these minutes.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO A 6-MONTH CONTRACT TO FUND THIS PROJECT (ACTUAL AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE) UP TO AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$111,230, WITH THE CONTINGENCY THAT BY THE 5 MONTH POINT, THE PROJECT WILL PRESENT THE CRC WITH A REALISTIC SUSTAINABILITY PLAN.

Lieberman / Merz / Unanimous. Harper abstained.

3. Request For Adoption Of A Name Change

The State Children and Families Commission has adopted the "brand name" of *FIRST 5 California*. They are paying for extensive media exposure and marketing activities that are currently taking place throughout California under this brand name. All local Commissions are invited to adopt the brand name and use the FIRST 5 logo and tag into media opportunities, etc.

The CRC recommends that the Commission adopt the brand name and become "FIRST 5, Placer County, Children and Families Commission.

Don asked the Commission if they would still like to have First 5 attend a CFC meeting and present the group with their presentation on this issue. All agreed and Don will set up.

MOTION TO APPROVE NAME CHANGE TO FIRST 5, PLACER COUNTY, CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION

Danovaro / Merz / Unanimous

IV. Commissioner Reports

- **Ray Merz**

Ray reported on a meeting with the partners of the Kings Beach Family Resource Center, Bud Bautista, David Gray (facilitating) and Lisa Maisano (Cowell Foundation). The presentation was very outstanding in terms of outcomes and how it works with the trends to help guide other agencies. Information was well received and Lisa was impressed with relationship between the County and CFC. Ray has a future meeting scheduled with Lisa in July.

V. Advisory Committee Reports

- **Community Collaborative of Tahoe/Truckee – Kim Bradley**

Kim presented an overview of the Four Core Areas (Children, Youth, Basic Needs and Community Building). A meeting is schedule every month with all collabratives in the Truckee area attending.

Children – A Kids Day event was held and 1100 parents & children attended plus many organizations and resources within the area. The theme was Safari with everyone very pleased on the success of the event.

Child Abuse: Holding regular parenting classes. Tonight is the Jose Luis Orsogo concert and music faire.

Through **School Readiness** along with the Family Resource Center, held a Learning Conversation was held. Noticing improvements in all areas for parents

and children. Partners are coming together along with Placer County including Children System of Care.

KidZone: New indoor play area for the kids. Open nights and events on Fridays now happening. Exciting new program called "Choices" set up through STEP (a teen/parenting program), which targets adults with disabilities. They are able to come to the KidZone and interact with the children. A bi-lingual staff person is now on board.

Youth – Youth Summit scheduled for June. Looking for funding for a Youth Council.

Community Building – Updating the resource guide and web site, which will be available for everyone to access. Providing advocacy training and focusing on social diversity. Roll community assessment is also in process. New Volunteer Initiative, which would create a new volunteer center within the Tahoe/Truckee area. Tamara provided an overview on this initiative.

Basic Needs – Two initiatives that are taking place: Dental Taskforce (Prop. 10 funded) and Access to Mental Health. Tamara mentioned the direction they are possibly taking with telecommunication conferencing for Mental Health. Sandra added that there is a network available that provides training in that area. Tamara will follow up. A meeting was held with Truckee dentists and Nevada County and the needs that were noticed was fluoride in the water with Nevada County willing to take the lead on this issue. Jill wanted to know what the difference is between fluoride tablets and fluoridated water. Discussion followed on the usage and implementation of fluoride. Tamara mentioned *the 8* (Amended to read, "Tamara mentioned a grant from...") grants from the Kellogg foundation for the Youth Board that are available and that we have applied. Announcement made that the Millhouse Collaborative is going to Truckee to bring services to that area with Kathy McHugh being instrumental in getting this to happen.

- **Placer Collaborative Network – Getta Dolinick**

Last meeting the major topic was Camp *Ken* (Amended to read *Ten*) scheduled for October. Received a grant for \$2000 (Amended amount \$57,000). This is a two-day work conference for 100 collaborative partners in October 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Also Motherlode Foundation on June 18th is scheduled. Don provided a specific overview of the upcoming new Innovative Funding Workshop utilizing the communities input – 8:30 to 3:30 p.m., at the Shiloh Center.

- **Child Care Local Planning Council – Francine Nunes**

Not in attendance. Jill noted that Francine had completed the application for the additional two years of care program and noted the targeted areas.

VI. Coordinator Report – Don Ferretti

Community Resource Committee meeting scheduled for June 30th, 8:30 to Noon, location to be announced. Discuss and decide process for future funding.

County reports to State Prop 10 Report are due October 15, 2003. New forms are due by August 8, 2003. SRI has assigned us a coach. Kings Beach School Readiness has been chosen as a pilot for the actual SRI evaluations.

Contract has been signed with *Triligoly*. (Amended spelling off Trilogy). Currently in the process of developing a way to get the community resource tab complete and talking about ideas to launch the new program.

Two Learning Conversations were held in Tahoe around data from the FRC and the School Readiness program. Very uplifting to see collected data being analyzed and applied to the program.

Jill asked about training for partners on outcomes and learning how to analyze their data. Discussion followed with Jill requesting that this item be included on the CRC Agenda for June 30th.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.